

bers, with the principal administrative officer for agricultural affairs at the University of Maryland serving ex officio. The remaining sixteen members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Two members represent the dairy segment; two the poultry segment; one the livestock segment; one the tobacco segment; one the nursery segment; one the horticulture segment; one the field crop segment; one the vegetable segment; and one from the veterinary profession. The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Farm Bureau each nominate one member, and three are appointed at large from services related to agriculture. No appointed person may serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission selects its own officers (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-205).

DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND CONSUMER SERVICES

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The Assistant Secretary for Animal Health and Consumer Services provides administrative direction to five major sections: Animal Health, Meat and Poultry Inspection, Grading Services and Egg Inspection, Weights and Measures, and State Chemist. The Assistant Secretary also furnishes administrative support to the Wholesome Meat Advisory Council.

ANIMAL HEALTH SECTION

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The Animal Health Section is responsible for the control and eradication of those livestock and poultry diseases that are of significant economic importance to the producer as well as those contagious diseases of livestock and poultry that pose a significant threat to the human population of Maryland due to their transmissibility from animals to humans (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 3-101 through 3-503).

GRADING SERVICES AND EGG INSPECTION SECTION

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This Section inspects and grades fruit, vegetables, grain, soybeans, and poultry at their produc-

regulations and affix federal grading stamps on products meeting quality and condition standards (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 10-501 through 10-909).

This Section is also responsible for the quality of eggs produced, distributed, and sold in Maryland, as well as for the Maryland Fresh and Maryland Fancy Egg Programs. The Egg Inspection Section is charged with enforcing the federal Egg Law and removing from sale any eggs that do not meet Federal and State standards (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 4-301 through 4-312).

In addition, this Section administers the licensing of grain buyers (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-213).

MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION SECTION

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The Meat and Poultry Inspection Section has the responsibility of assuring the Maryland consumer of a wholesome supply of meat and poultry products, properly labeled and prepared under sanitary conditions. This is accomplished with a staff of inspectors, supervisors, and administrative personnel. Inspection personnel are assigned to slaughtering and/or processing plants located throughout the State. Fifty percent of the cost of State meat and poultry inspection is provided by the Federal government (Code Agriculture Article, secs. 4-101 through 4-131; 4-201 through 4-230).

STATE CHEMIST SECTION

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The State Chemist registers, examines the labels of, samples, and chemically tests and analyzes commercial fertilizers, feeds, pesticides, soil conditioners, and liming materials sold in the State to determine if they conform to standards established under Maryland laws governing quality, contents, and labeling. Appropriate measures are taken to protect the consumer and the dealer from unscrupulous or careless manufacturers.

The Section cooperates with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the inspection of feed manufacturing facilities that produce medicated feeds and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the implementation of the Federal In-